

# Committee on Ways and Means

## Human Resources Provisions in the *Deficit Reduction Act*

(All costs/savings are scored over five years)

### (1) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Child Care

- Reauthorizes TANF through FY 2010 at current funding level.
- Increases child care by \$1 billion (up from \$500 million in House bill).

### (2) Welfare to Work

- Increases effective TANF work rate target from 0 percent to 50 percent in FY 2007-2010 by rebasing caseload reduction credit to provide credit only for future caseload declines (ie. since FY 2005, not since FY 1995).
- Includes separate state programs in work calculation, closing a loophole.
- No changes in hours of work, target work rates or definition of work.

### (3) Marriage and Family

- Provides \$500 million for healthy marriage promotion (down from \$1 billion in House bill.)
- Adds \$250 million in new funds for promoting responsible fatherhood.
- Pays for these pro-family funds by eliminating TANF bonuses, yielding \$750 million in net savings across these provisions.

### (4) Child Support

- Includes compromise on child support for families that provides more support directly to families, especially those who have left welfare.
- Includes House provision ending “double dipping” on federal child support incentive funds, saving \$1.6 billion.
- Drops House provision reducing child support administrative match rate from 66 percent to 50 percent.

### (5) Foster Care

- Includes House provision on foster care “candidates” reform.
- Includes House provision clarifying eligibility for federal foster care payments (involving the *Rosales* case), while providing a total of \$300 million for court improvements and services to assist families involved with foster care and adoption programs.

### (6) SSI

- Includes House provision on SSI redeterminations, saving \$300 million.
- Includes House provision on SSI lump sums, saving \$425 million.

**Total: Net Human Resources Savings of \$1.3 billion, FY 2006-2010.**